

# Nationals Today Open Last Series of Trip : Big Crowds at Boston Games : Labor Day Sports

## GRIFTS TO PITCHERS

### Four Games to Be Played in Final Series of Three-Week Trip.

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PHILADELPHIA, September 2.—On the last leg of their three-week swing around the circuit, the Nationals today do battle with Connie Mack's celebrated cellar champions, who constitute the one and only obstacle to attainment of last place by the Griffins.

The apothecaries, as they have come to be known, have faults which extend from the pitching corps to the outfield and back again, but despite the loads of gratuitous criticism directed at them individually and collectively, they are possessed of one unparallelled degree—consistency.

Since C. McGillicuddy breezed home in front of the American League field in 1914, only to come a cropper against the Braves in the world series, the Mack men have not varied one whit in the race they have put out. They have finished last every year, and seldom have had any disputants for the position. That constitutes what might be termed a model for consistency. No other club has finished in any one niche of the race with such a degree of frequency.

The Griffins this season have given the Macks a tight rub for the submarine honors, but for the fact that they loathe the Macks they have not fully developed until after the Macks had a toe hold on the place.

Four games are listed here—combined today and Thursday, with a twin bill sandwiched in between. It is likely George Erickson will do the flinging for the Griffins in the opener, Labor day, 1919, will live in the memory of George Gorman Ruth and more than 30,000 fans that jammed into Fenway park to witness the second largest of the season in red Sox take a double fall out of the Griffins and witnessing Ruth's inevitable enactment of the sketch entitled "hitting for the circuit."

The mob went disappointed in either particular, and it so happened that Ruth personally was responsible for both Boston victories. He pitched the opener against Harry Harper and won it with a triple, driving in one run and scoring himself on a subsequent hit, to cap by a 2 to 1 count.

In the closing affair, in which Shaw and Russell staged a beautiful hurling duel for two thirds of the route, Ruth came to bat in the seventh with a mate who had walked on the sacks ahead of him and drove one of Shaw's fast balls into the right field bleachers for a round trip of the bases.

The scene that ensued surpassed for enthusiasm and wild acclaim anything that we ever witnessed on a diamond. It was Ruth's twenty-fourth homer of the season. It carried him to within one of the record set by Freeman in many years ago. The crowd arose en masse and for nearly five minutes roared its tribute to this Colossus of Swat.

They stood on their seats and yelled themselves hoarse, throwing programs in the air and pounding the backs of the fans nearest to them in a delirium of delight. Some of the enthusiastic "sailed" their straw hats out onto the field, the park attendants being kept busy for several minutes clearing the field of discarded headpieces. And when the game ended, with the tally 4 to 1 in Boston's favor, the fans swarmed over the railings, hoisted Ruth on their shoulders and carried him off the field.

Not content, it waited until he emerged from the clubhouse in street attire and converted his auto ride toward home into a sort of triumphal march for several blocks. It probably was the greatest demonstration ever given a ball player. At least nothing like it ever was seen by any one connected with the Washington club.

George Twombly's career as a member of the Nationals just about sets the record for brevity. The New Haven player reported in time to get into the first game. He explained that business detained him from making the trip to Washington Sunday, and as soon as the first game was ended he was given permission to return and finish his business. Incidentally, he was informed he "needn't be in a hurry to wind it up," as the Washington club probably would have no further use for him.

Twombly has been out of the Army only a few weeks and is about twenty pounds overweight. He is slow of foot and far from impressive looking at the bat. It happened he did not get a chance in the field, but Griff saw enough of him to conclude he is not the player he is looking for.

Eleven safeties were compiled in the initial affray of Ruth, who weakened rapidly toward the close; but as many athletes were left on the bases which explains the Griff's defeat. The lone tally chalked up by the visitors was secured in the seventh, when Elmer Sharkey walked third on a single by Shanks, who hit for Harper, and scored while Judge was forcing Howard. Both executed a driving one-hand stab of a liner from Foster's bat in this contest that was sensational in the extreme.

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## Records of Rival Pitchers in Griff-Athletics Games

The appended figures give an intimate line on how the pitchers of the Nationals and Athletics, who begin a series at Philadelphia today, have fared in interclub games during their lifetime pitching career against each other.

| SENATORS' PITCHERS |        |    |    |       |
|--------------------|--------|----|----|-------|
| PHILADELPHIA TEAM. |        |    |    |       |
| Pitchers           | Throws | W. | L. | P.C.  |
| Ed Hovick          | R      | 1  | 0  | 100.0 |
| Eric Erickson      | R      | 0  | 1  | 100.0 |
| John Shaw          | R      | 14 | 9  | .609  |
| W. Johnson         | R      | 38 | 27 | .571  |
| Harry Harper       | L      | 8  | 7  | .533  |
| Ed Gill            | R      | 0  | 1  | .000  |
| Maurice Craft      | R      | 0  | 2  | .000  |
| Grand Total        |        | 60 | 46 | .566  |

Walter Johnson in his lifetime pitching career against the Athletics faced 173 and allowed 404 for an average of .232.

| ATHLETICS' PITCHERS  |        |    |    |      |
|----------------------|--------|----|----|------|
| VS. WASHINGTON TEAM. |        |    |    |      |
| Pitchers             | Throws | W. | L. | P.C. |
| Tom Rogers           | R      | 4  | 3  | .571 |
| Jing Johnson         | R      | 5  | 5  | .500 |
| Hollie Taylor        | R      | 2  | 2  | .500 |
| Win Noyes            | R      | 1  | 1  | .500 |
| Scott Perry          | R      | 4  | 5  | .444 |
| Bill Kinney          | L      | 0  | 2  | .000 |
| Grand Total          |        | 16 | 19 | .457 |

## NO WORLD SERIES PLANS

CHICAGO, September 2.—Tentative plans for the world series will not be made for possibly ten days or two weeks, when the pennant races are definitely settled, August Herrmann, chairman of the national base ball commission, announced last night.

The meeting of the commission scheduled to be held here today was generally understood to be in connection with the world series. But Chairman Herrmann said the question of drafting players from the minor leagues was the only business to be considered.

"We will not take any action in regard to the series until the prospective winners have won the championship," Herrmann said.

"It would be entirely out of order to make any plans at present," he said.

The action of the minor leagues in abrogating the draft-rule agreement is causing the major leagues some concern, Herrmann said. The minors broke off relations with the American and National leagues several months ago, deciding that if the major league club owners wanted the star players developed in the minor leagues they would have to purchase their release outright instead of drafting them.

## STATISTICS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

|              | W. | L. | Pct. | Win. Loss. |
|--------------|----|----|------|------------|
| Chicago      | 77 | 42 | .647 | .644 .642  |
| Cleveland    | 69 | 49 | .580 | .580 .580  |
| Detroit      | 68 | 50 | .576 | .576 .572  |
| New York     | 61 | 56 | .519 | .519 .519  |
| St. Louis    | 61 | 57 | .517 | .517 .513  |
| Boston       | 55 | 62 | .470 | .470 .468  |
| Washington   | 44 | 73 | .377 | .377 .373  |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 85 | .258 | .258 .259  |

#### GAMES TODAY.

Washington at Phila. Washington at Phila.  
New York at Boston. New York at Boston.  
Cleveland at St. Louis. Cleveland at St. Louis.  
Chicago at Detroit.

#### RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Boston, 2; Washington, 1-1.  
Chicago, 5; Detroit, 6-1.  
New York, 3; Philadelphia, 2.  
(Cleveland, 5; St. Louis, 3-4.  
(Second game 11 innings.)

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

|              | W. | L. | Pct. | Win. Loss. |
|--------------|----|----|------|------------|
| Cincinnati   | 82 | 37 | .688 | .688 .683  |
| New York     | 73 | 45 | .619 | .619 .619  |
| Chicago      | 63 | 51 | .553 | .553 .548  |
| Pittsburgh   | 57 | 58 | .498 | .498 .491  |
| Brooklyn     | 57 | 59 | .487 | .487 .482  |
| Boston       | 46 | 68 | .401 | .401 .407  |
| St. Louis    | 41 | 73 | .360 | .360 .356  |
| Philadelphia | 41 | 73 | .360 | .360 .356  |

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Phila. at Brooklyn. Phila. at Brooklyn.  
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Cincinnati at Chicago. Cincinnati at Chicago.  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh.

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St. Louis, 5; Pittsburgh, 4-2.  
Chicago, 3; Detroit, 5-4.  
New York, 3; Boston, 2.  
(Morning game—Rain.  
Philadelphia, 6; Brooklyn, 4.  
(Moping game—Rain.)

### WINS THIS BY PITCHING

| WASHINGTON.  | AB. | R. | H. | PO. | A. | E. |
|--------------|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Judge, 1b.   | 4   | 0  | 1  | 9   | 0  | 0  |
| Foster, 3b.  | 4   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 1  | 1  |
| Miller, cf.  | 4   | 0  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Rice, rf.    | 4   | 0  | 1  | 4   | 0  | 0  |
| Twombly, lf. | 4   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Harris, 2b.  | 4   | 0  | 1  | 2   | 3  | 0  |
| Charity, c.  | 3   | 1  | 1  | 2   | 3  | 0  |
| Harper, p.   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1  |
| Gill, p.     | 1   | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Shanks, c.   | 1   | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Pittsich, c. | 1   | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Menosky, c.  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Totals       | 36  | 1  | 11 | 24  | 14 | 0  |

| BOSTON.        | AB. | R. | H. | PO. | A. | E. |
|----------------|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Hooper, rf.    | 3   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Vitt, 3b.      | 3   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Roth, cf.      | 2   | 1  | 1  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Harber, 1b.    | 4   | 0  | 1  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Schlag, c.     | 4   | 0  | 2  | 3   | 2  | 0  |
| McInnis, 1b.   | 4   | 0  | 2  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Scott, ss.     | 3   | 0  | 1  | 2   | 4  | 0  |
| Gilbooley, lf. | 3   | 0  | 1  | 2   | 4  | 0  |
| Totals         | 28  | 2  | 8  | 27  | 16 | 1  |

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